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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE SECOND DECADE
TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Senegal*: draft resolution

Third decade to combat racism and racial discrimination

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 1992/13 of 20 July 1992,

Reaffirming the purpose set forth in the Charter of the United Nations of achieving international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling that in resolution 1992/13, the Council requested the Secretary-General to prepare a draft programme of action for the third Decade and to submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, taking into account, inter alia, the elements of the programme of action for the second Decade that have not yet been fully implemented,

* On behalf of the African States and in accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

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Recalling that in resolution 47/77 of 16 December 1992, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and requested him to submit a new draft programme of action for examination to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme of action for the second Decade, 2/

Convinced that it is necessary that the General Assembly should proclaim a third Decade to combat racism and racial discrimination as a means of intensifying international efforts in this field,

Taking into account the progress made towards the building of a democratic and united South Africa not based on racial prejudices,

Emphasizing that it is the responsibility of the Government of South Africa to take all necessary measures to stop immediately the violence in that country and to protect the life and property of all South Africans,

Emphasizing also the need for all parties to cooperate in combating violence and to exercise restraint,

Bearing in mind the declaration on apartheid and its destructive consequences in southern Africa adopted by the General Assembly in resolution S-16/1 of 14 December 1989 and contained in the annex thereto,

Deeply concerned about the prevalence of racism and racial tensions as well as the rising tide of xenophobia,

Stressing the need to continue the coordination of activities undertaken by various United Nations bodies and specialized agencies for the purpose of implementing the programme of action for the second Decade,

1. Declares that all forms of racism and racial discrimination, particularly in their institutionalized forms, such as apartheid or resulting from official doctrines of racial superiority or exclusivity, are among the most serious violations of human rights in the contemporary world and must be combated by all available means;

2. Recommends that the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session should proclaim a third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in preparing the draft programme of action for the Third Decade, to accord the highest priority to activities

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- 1/ A/47/432.
2/ E/1993/71.

aiming at monitoring the transition from apartheid to a non-racist society in South Africa;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to take into account the results of the World Conference on Human Rights and the discussions of the Economic and Social Council in the preparation of the programme of action for the Third Decade;

5. Considers that voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade of Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination are indispensable for the implementation of the above-mentioned programmes;

6. Calls upon the international community to provide the Secretary-General with appropriate financial resources for efficient action against racism and racial discrimination;

7. Decides to accord the highest priority to the agenda item entitled "Implementation of the programme of action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination".

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ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Belarus, Canada and New Zealand:
draft resolution

System-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1988/59 of 27 July 1988, by which it requested the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, to initiate the formulation of a system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001,

Having considered the note by the Secretariat containing the proposed system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001, 1/

Convinced that a system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women can enhance coordination among the organizations of the United Nations system by providing a framework for including advancement of women in individual medium-term plans and programme statements,

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Bearing in mind that the United Nations planning cycle to which the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women was matched has changed and that there has been a general shift to a more strategic form of planning,

Recognizing that the Platform for Action to emerge from the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace cannot be reflected in the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001, which must be approved in 1993,

1. Endorsed the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001 as a general framework for the coordination of system-wide efforts, as revised in terms of the comments found in the annex to resolution 37/1 of 24 March 1993 of the Commission on the Status of Women; 2/

2. Requests the organizations of the United Nations system that are preparing medium-term plans for the period 1996-2001 to incorporate relevant aspects of the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women in formulating aspects of their individual plans in terms of advancement of women;

3. Also requests the organizations of the United Nations system, when implementing the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, to take account of the importance of ensuring that humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and refugee programmes provide for the health needs of women and for their protection from violence and sexual abuse, especially in emergency and conflict situations,

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, to arrange for a revision of the system-wide medium-term plan after the Platform for Action and the second review and appraisal of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women 3/ have been formulated and adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace;

____ 2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 7 (E/1993/27), chap. I, sect. C.

____ 3/ Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10),
chap. I, Sect. A.

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to ensure that any revised system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women be more concise, take account of the changes in the United Nations planning cycle, take a more strategic approach, highlighting policy implications, and include more substantial strategies, time-frames, concrete measures, resources and allocation of responsibility for implementation;

6. Decides that the Commission on the Status of Women, together with the Committee for Programme and Coordination, should be given responsibility for monitoring progress on the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women and that all United Nations entities should be held accountable for the components of the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women that fall within their areas of responsibility.

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ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Angola, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic,
Norway, Peru, Romania, Spain, Uruguay and Venezuela: draft resolution

International Research and Training Institute
for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1992/21 of 30 July 1992, in which it took note of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its twelfth session, 1/ Having considered the report of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on its thirteenth session, 2/

Recognizing the important role that the Institute could play in the substantive preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women,

Also recognizing the equally important contributions that the Institute could make in its area of expertise to activities related to the International Year of the Family, the International Conference on Population and Development and the World Summit for Social Development,

1/ E/1992/18.

2/ E/1993/44.

Reaffirming the continuing need for independent research and related training activities for the advancement of women and the role of the Institute therein,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its thirteenth session and the decisions contained therein; 2/

2. Commends the Institute for activities carried out that contribute to mainstreaming gender in development strategies and the appraisal of the contribution of women to social and economic development, particularly in relation to the informal sector;

3. Expresses its appreciation of the fact that the Institute maintains and seeks ways to strengthen its mode of operation, for example, networking, particularly with the regional commissions and the focal points of the Institute, thereby ensuring effective outreach and coordination in order to empower and strengthen the position of women at the national and regional levels;

4. Requests the Institute to assist in the substantive preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women, given its essential role in research, training and statistical expertise;

5. Further requests the Institute to contribute, within its area of expertise, to the activities relevant to the International Year of the Family, the International Conference on Population and Development and the World Summit for Social Development;

6. Reiterates the importance of maintaining the level of resources devoted to independent research and related training activities which are crucial for the situation of women;

7. Calls upon States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute through voluntary contributions and pledges to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, thus enabling the Institute to continue to respond effectively to its mandate.

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HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS

Netherlands* and Belgium: draft resolution

Suppression of the traffic in persons

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1982/20 of 10 March 1982 1/
on the question of slavery and the slave trade in all their practices and
manifestations, including the slavery-like practices of apartheid and
colonialism, 1988/42 of 8 March 1988, 2/ 1989/35 of 6 March 1989, 3/ 1990/63 of
7 March 1990, 4/ and 1991/58 of

* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 2 (E/1982/12), chap. XXVI, sect. A.

2/ Ibid., 1988, Supplement No. 2 and corrigendum (E/1988/12 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.

3/ Ibid., 1989, Supplement No. 2 (E/1989/20), chap. II, sect. A.

4/ Ibid., 1990, Supplement No. 2 and corrigendum (E/1990/22 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.

6 March 1991 5/ and 1992/47 of 3 March 1992 6/ and taking note of Commission resolutions 1993/27 of 5 March 1993 7/ and decision 1993/122 of 10 March 1993 8/ on the reports of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and 1992/74 of 5 March 1992 on programmes of action for the prevention of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and for the elimination of the exploitation of child labour, 6/

Recalling also its resolutions 1982/20 of 4 May 1982 and 1983/30 of 26 May 1983 on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others, 1988/34 of 27 May 1988 and 1989/74 of 24 May 1989 on the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, and 1990/46 of 25 May 1990, 1991/35 of 31 May 1991 and 1992/10 of 20 July 1992 on the suppression of the traffic in persons,

Recalling further Commission on Human Rights resolution 1992/36 on a draft programme of action for the prevention of traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others,

Considering that the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Economic and Social Council on the suppression of the traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others 9/ still constitutes a useful basis for further action,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1983/30 on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others, 10/

5/ Ibid., 1990, Supplement No. 2 (E/1991/22), chap. II, sect. A.

6/ Ibid., 1992, Supplement No. 2 (E/1992/22), chap. II, sect. A.

7/ Ibid., 1993, Supplement No. 3 (E/1993/23), chap. II, sect. A.

8/ Ibid., chap. II, sect. B.

9/ E/1983/7 and Corr.1 and 2.